



500.40122X00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Ichiro KYUSHIMA et al.  
Serial No.: 09/854,458  
Filed: May 15, 2001  
For: COMPILE METHOD SUITABLE FOR SPECULATION  
MECHANISM  
Group: 2122  
Examiner: M. Steelman

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 17, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2004, and preliminary to the examination of the RCE being filed concurrently with this amendment, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.